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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 28 January 2002 - 1 February 2002
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 13 February 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at EEOB, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 21 February 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting (site to be determined).

(U//~~AIUO~~) April 2003: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~AIUO~~) FOIA and EO Requests

(U//~~AIUO~~) Journalist Interested in Black Liberation Front
(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester with the *York Daily Record* in Pennsylvania sought information on the Black Liberation Front, "particularly information about a plot to bomb the Statue of Liberty and other U.S. monuments in February 1965. [The front] had ties to a pro -Castro group, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

- *The FOIA case officer advised the requester of the foreign intelligence mission of the CIA and suggested that he contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation for further assistance.* [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) National Security Archive Seeks DI Report on Egypt
(U//~~AIUO~~) The National Security Archive asked for a copy of "A Directorate of Intelligence Assessment: 'Egypt Under Mubarak: A Political-Economic Scorecard' June 1991"

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Attorney Interested in Noted Hypnotist
(U//~~AIUO~~) A Nevada attorney asked for information concerning Dr. William Joseph Bryan, Jr., a hypnotist who died in 1977. The requester enclosed an excerpt from Philip H. Melanson's book, *Who Killed Robert Kennedy* in which Dr. Bryan is called "a hypnosis superstar, who was implicated in the programming of Sirhan Sirhan [convicted assassin of Robert Kennedy]" and the programming of the "Boston Strangler," Albert DiSalvo.

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Memo from George Bush to President Ford Is Subject of EO Mandatory Declassification Review Request
(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA has approved the release, with one redaction, of an interesting document requested under the mandatory declassification review provisions of EO 12958 by frequent requester John Prados from the holdings of the Gerald Ford Library. The document is a 1976 memorandum from DCI-designee George Bush to President Ford outlining 12 recommendations that Bush wanted Ford to include in a letter of instruction to him once he was confirmed as the new DCI. Among the recommendations: "The DCI will have access to all intelligence information.

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None shall be withheld from him...;" "the Director will have direct access to the President;" "the Director will be given Cabinet rank...;" "the Director should give immediate attention to housing his Intelligence Community Staff in a location separate from ... Langley." At the time of the memo, George Bush was waiting for the Senate to begin his confirmation hearings and asked Ford for a visit in person , "hopefully ... immediately upon my confirmation," but included "Barbara and I plan to go to the Bahamas for one week commencing January 7th." [redacted] (b)(3)

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(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives: In 1958, Truman to DCI, "Helpful as a Missouri Mule"

(U//~~AIUO~~) At the request of President Eisenhower, DCI Allen Dulles called former President Truman and offered him a briefing on recent world developments, according to a 1 August 1958 DCI memorandum that was recently reviewed by the DI team at the CIA Declassification Center. Truman expressed appreciation for the offer and added, "unless you have access to the information which CIA has, you don't really know what is going on or what the situation is." The DCI thanked Truman for his remarks and noted that, "as President at the time CIA was organized, you had always been one of our best friends and supporters." The briefing occurred on 25 July 1958 at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, and at a second briefing on 12 August, Truman pondered the continuing threat the Chinese Communists posed in East Asia, and "sometimes thought he should have permitted General MacArthur to go after them." At the end of the briefing, Truman again thanked the DCI and expressed his "desire to be as cooperative and helpful as a Missouri mule could be." [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) Publications Review Board

(U//~~AIUO~~) Board Experiences Sharp Drop in Submissions During January

(U//~~AIUO~~) Irregular delivery of US mail to the Agency has played havoc with the Publications Review Board's ability to ensure that nonofficial publications do not contain classified information. In January, the Board received only 997 pages for review, far below the total of 1918 pages it received in January 2001.

- *Most of the material came via facsimile. Only one or two pieces came via outside mail.*
- *The Board is notifying authors that they should send material to an address that ensures inspection at the Material Inspection Facility.* [redacted] (b)(3)

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